UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

January 30, 1997

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
Complainant,)	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
)	
VS.)	OCAHO Case No. 96A00092
)	
D. REIS FURNITURE)	
MANUFACTURING CORP.)	
Respondent.)	
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ORDER OF DISMISSAL-SETTLED

This is an action arising under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (INA), in which the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is the complainant and D. Reis Manufacturing Corporation is the respondent. On August 26, 1996, INS filed a Complaint consisting of six counts with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO). Respondent filed its Answer on October 1, 1996.

On January 27, 1997, the Complainant filed a Motion to Dismiss together with a Settlement Agreement, which has been signed by both parties and which resolves all issues raised by the Complaint. The entire record in this matter consists of the Complaint, the Notice of Hearing, the Answer, and the Motion to Dismiss with the Settlement Agreement attached.

Under § 68.14(a) of the OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure:

- (a) Where the parties or their authorized representatives or their counsel have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, they shall:
 - (1) Submit to the presiding Administrative Law Judge:
 - (i) The proposed agreement containing consent findings; and
 - (ii) A proposed decision and order; <u>or</u> (emphasis added)
 - (2) Notify the Administrative Law Judge that the parties have reached a full settlement and have agreed to dismissal of the action. Dismissal of the action shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Law

Judge.

28 C.F.R. § 68.14.

In this case, I find that the parties have complied with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2). I have reviewed the Settlement Agreement, and I find that its terms are appropriate pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a).

I further find that under the terms of the Agreement, and pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14:

- 1. Respondent has withdrawn his request for hearing on the merits,
- 2. this matter is dismissed with prejudice in that respondent will pay a civil monetary fine in the total amount of \$5,000.00 in the manner set forth in the Settlement Agreement,
- 3. it is appropriate to grant the Motion to Dismiss (Settled) in the instant proceeding based upon the parties' notification made pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2), and
- 4. the Complaint is dismissed.

SO ORDERED

Dated and entered this 30th day of January, 1997.

Ellen K. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of January, 1997, I have served copies of the foregoing Order of Dismissal-Settled on the following persons at the addresses indicated:

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